

Senate Resolution 6 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY SHIPLEY

1 A Resolution honoring and congratulating John D.

2 Lawrence for his dedicated service to Iowa State

3 University of Science and Technology, the State of

4 Iowa, and all Iowans.

5 WHEREAS, John D. Lawrence was raised on a crop and

6 livestock farm in southwest Iowa; and

7 WHEREAS, John graduated from Iowa State University

8 of Science and Technology (Iowa State University),

9 earning his bachelor's degree in animal science and his
10 master's degree in economics; and

11 WHEREAS, John served as a professor of economics and

12 has served Iowa State University and the people of Iowa

13 in leading roles since 1991, including Interim Chair

14 of the Department of Animal Science, Associate Dean of

15 Extension and Outreach in the College of Agriculture

16 and Life Sciences, Director of Agriculture and Natural

17 Resources Extension, Assistant Director of the Iowa

18 Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station,

19 Director of the Iowa Beef Center, Interim Director of

20 the Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation, Interim

21 Director of the Beginning Farmer Center, and Interim

22 Director of the Iowa Nutrient Research Center; and

23 WHEREAS, John, as Iowa State University's Vice

24 President for Extension and Outreach, has led

25 approximately 900 extension faculty and staff in

26 engaging all Iowans in research, education, and

27 extension experiences to address real-life challenges

28 and prepare for a thriving future; and

1 WHEREAS, John has ensured that extension educational
2 programs in agriculture and natural resources grow the
3 economic base of Iowa agriculture, that community and
4 economic development programs empower communities to
5 shape their own futures, that 4-H youth development
6 programs empower Iowa youth to reach their full
7 potential, and that human sciences programs empower
8 Iowans to live their best lives every day; and

9 WHEREAS, John has developed relationships with
10 partnering organizations throughout the state and
11 extension councils in every county who support what
12 Iowans value — a strong Iowa; and

13 WHEREAS, John has served as an example to, and
14 guided the development of, the next generation of
15 extension professionals — ensuring that extension and
16 outreach programs will continue to deliver on Iowa
17 State University's land-grant mission and engage Iowans
18 with the research, educational, and technological
19 resources of the university in partnership with
20 federal, state, and county governments; and

21 WHEREAS, John represented the College of Agriculture
22 and Life Sciences as a co-leader with Iowa Department
23 of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and Iowa Department
24 of Natural Resources in developing and implementing
25 Iowa's Nutrient Reduction Strategy, a science and
26 technology-based approach to assess and reduce
27 nutrients delivered to Iowa waterways and the Gulf of
28 Mexico; and

29 WHEREAS, John has received many awards throughout
30 his career, including the Iowa Secretary of Agriculture

1 Leader Award in 2017 for his work as part of the Iowa
2 Nutrient Reduction Strategy Science Team, the 2009
3 Iowa State University Extension Meritorious Service
4 Award, and the 2004 Dean's Citation for Extraordinary
5 Contributions to the College of Agriculture and Life
6 Sciences, as well as being named by Iowa Farmer Today
7 as one of the 25 most influential people in Iowa
8 agriculture from 1984-2009, and receiving the 2022
9 Iowa Cattlemen's Association Hall of Fame award; NOW
10 THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That John D. Lawrence
12 be publicly recognized for his years of dedicated
13 service to Iowa State University, the state of Iowa,
14 and all Iowans; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a formal copy of this
16 resolution be presented to John D. Lawrence, with the
17 sincere appreciation and best wishes of the Senate.